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REVEALS 1950 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

MINISTER ANNOUNCES PLANS -- Wen-hui Pao, 11 Feb 50

Pei-p'ing, 10 February -- The following plans for reconstruction of communication systems in China during 1950 were announced by the Deputy Minister of Communications at the meeting of All-China Communication Workers representatives:

1. Establish long-distance telephone service throughout China and a telegraph network between administrative centers. This program represents the installation of 3,086 kilometers of telephone and telegraph poles (at an average of 22 poles per kilometer), stringing of 8,283 kilometers of copper wire, and repairing 2,039 kilometers of existing lines south of the Great Wall. Also, installation of 969 kilometers of poles, stringing 3,424 kilometers of copper wire, and repairing 1,038 kilometers of existing lines north of the Great Wall.
2. Build an international radio broadcasting station in Pei-p'ing; establish communication service between China and other socialist nations; and establish radio-photo service between Pei-p'ing, Shang-hai, and Moscow.
3. Build and repair radio stations along rivers and the sea coast to broadcast navigational information.

INTERNATIONAL AIR-MAIL SERVICE RESUMED -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 10 Feb 50

Hong Kong (by air) -- The Kwangtung Postal Administration was notified by the Pei-p'ing People's Government Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs on 1 February to immediately restore international air-mail service. In addition to ordinary postage, the air-mail postage to other countries in Asia shall be 5,400 yuan and to other continents 9,000 yuan, for each 10 kilograms [sic].

HONG KONG-CHINA POSTAL SERVICE NEAR NORMAL -- Wen-hui Pao, 13 Feb 50

With the exception of Sikang and Yunnan provinces, postal service is now available from Hong Kong to all points in China. According to a Hong Kong postal authority, most of the mail is sent to Kuang-chou for transshipment inland. He stated that

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the mail going to Hunan, Kiangsi, Hopeh, Kwangsi, Kweichow, Szechwan, Anhwei, Chekiang, Kiangsu, and Honan provinces, and most of Kwangtung Province, is dispatched through Kuang-chou; that to eastern Kwangtung and western Fukien provinces by ship through Shan-wei or Shan-t'ou; that to eastern Fukien by ship through Hsia-men; that to North and Northwest China by ship through Ch'ing-tao or T'ien-ching; and that to the Northeast and the Soviet Far East through ports in the Northeast.

The informant also stated that mail from Hong Kong, by land routes, takes 2 days to reach Kuang-chou, 3 to 4 days to Han-k'ou, and 4 to 5 days to Shanghai. At present, an average of 200,000 pounds of mail is sent from Hong Kong to Kuang-chou each day to be transshipped inland.

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